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II.   Claims

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-16, 18-19, 22-23, 25-26, 28-36 are currently pending. Claims 1, 9, 16, and 23 have been amended. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims.

1.   (currently amended) A method of abstracting an electronic document comprising the following steps:

prompting a user to select at least one abstracted version of the electronic document;

selecting a set of instructions for abstracting the electronic document, wherein the set of instructions are particularized to the electronic document before selection thereof;

creating the abstracted version of the electronic document by executing the selected set of instructions; and

outputting the abstracted version of the electronic document in a predetermined format.

2.   (canceled)

3.   (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the set of instructions further comprise a description of at least one abstracted version capable of being created by executing the set of instructions.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the set of instructions are attached to the electronic document.

5.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the set of instructions comprise instructions for removing grammatical articles.

6.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the set of instructions comprise instructions for removing grammatical adverbs.

7.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the set of instructions comprise instructions for removing grammatical adjectives.

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